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SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATOR MCCAFFREY HONORS TROOP 179'S NEWEST EAGLE SCOUT



Pictured: Suffolk County Legislator Kevin McCaffrey (right) presents a proclamation to Eagle Scout Bryan John Beard.

West Islip, NY: Suffolk County Legislator Kevin McCaffrey (R-Lindenhurst) recently attended the Eagle Court of Honor for Troop 179's Bryan John Beard, who hails from North Babylon. The ceremony took place at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in West Islip, and was attended by officials or their representatives from state and local government, scouts of all ages, and the proud family of Bryan.

The path that an Eagle Scout candidate must travel is a challenging one to say the least. In addition to earning a slew of merit badges, each candidate must complete a service project as the capstone requirement. The project must be designed to benefit the community, and everything

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from its planning to execution must be orchestrated by the Scout. This is no small task, as projects of this nature more often than not require a variety of material and human resources. Fortunately, Boy Scouting does a fine job of preparing young men for the real world with practical and leadership skills.

For his project, Bryan chose to renovate space at St. John the Baptist High School to be used for the "Midnight Run" group. The project involved all kinds of manual labor including, but not limited to, moving furniture, painting walls, and the assembling and installation of shelving units. "Midnight Run" assists the homeless by providing them with food and clothing, and this newly renovated space is surely a welcome contribution to their cause.

"Bryan's service project will play a vital role in assisting some of our society's most vulnerable individuals," said McCaffrey. "It is clear that Bryan is a very talented young man with a big heart. I believe that the completion of this project is only the beginning of what he will offer the community and country in years to come."

For those interesting in learning more about Boy Scout Troop 179, their website can be viewed at: <http://witroop179.wix.com/bsatroop179>. To learn more about Boy Scouting in general, you can visit the organization's main website at <http://www.scouting.org/>.

Legislator McCaffrey represents Suffolk County's 14th Legislative District which encompasses the Village of Lindenhurst, Babylon Village, the hamlets of West Babylon and North Lindenhurst, portions of Copiague, North Babylon, and Babylon's barrier beach communities.